WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the Month of NOVEMBER, 1948.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 5/1/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1948 was estimated to be 515, 302, comprising 264, 458 Males and 250, 844 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	00	TOBER	Ten Months ended OCTOBER		
	1948	1947	1948	1947	
Marriages No.	365	445	4,150	4,348	
of Population	8-31	10.34	9.69	10.39	
Births No. *Rate per 1000	1,128	1,092	10,781	10,891	
of Population	25.69	25.36	25.17	26.01	
Deaths No. *Rate per 1000	357	463	3,936	3,958	
of Population	8.13	10.75	9.19	9.45	
Infant Mortality No. Rate per 1000	22	32	276	334	
Idve Births	19.50	29.30	25.60	30.67	
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^{*} Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November totalled 827,593 acres, an increase of 400,220 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 6,232,909 acres, a decrease of 2,077,857 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month o	of NOVEMBER	5 Months ended NOVEMBER		
	1948	1947	1948	1947	
Revenue Per Head of Population	£	£	£	£	
	1,573,092	1,150,509	7,149,225	6,144,003	
	£3.0.7d.	£2.5.4d.	£13.16.4d.	£12.3.2d.	
Expenditure Expenditure per Head of Popln.	1,628,067	1,475,686	8,131,942	7,021,682	
	£3.2.8d.	£2.18.2d.	£15.14.3d.	£13.17.11d.	

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th November amounted to £36,455,938 or £70.2.2d. per head of population as against £36,213,735 or £71.5.2d. per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 24th November, 1948 amounted to £6,410,551, compared with £5,046,717 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

	Registrations effecte		NOV	EMBER	5 Months ended NOVEMBER		
_	the Office of Land Titles	& Deeds	1948	1947	1948	1947	
	Transfers	No.	1,759 937,488	1,367 622,962	8,169 4,147,117	7,903 3,962,490	
	Mortgages	No.	916 886,174	813 660,689	4,550 4,328,589	4,833 4,540,763	
_	Discharges of Mortgages No.		782	743	4,073	4,240	

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable	Taxable Goods						
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)	Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected				
November December 1948 January February March April May June July August September October November	£ 1,142,486 1,120,213 1,269,393 1,257,388 1,093,047 1,463,655 1,369,377 1,366,881 1,222,057 1,535,712 1,412,657 1,402,699 1,621,539	£ 796,547 1,104,042 752,509 864,177 599,259 1,226,320 772,233 1,156,566 834,278 1,104,077 949,181 905,874 1,010,631	£ 2,541,336 3,833,345 3,011,477 3,248,518 2,779,556 3,719,757 3,414,017 3,913,584 4,304,727 3,564,010 3,424,681 3,320,550 3,508,259	£ 135,913 138,832 175,780 137,796 148,425 156,617 155,967 162,770 147,595 155,618 179,347 164,704 180,926				

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

59 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,471,500 and 24 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 54 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,328,500 and 24 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

		5 Months ended NOVEMBER							
		1948		1947					
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets			
Sequestration Orders	. 8	£ 4,911	£ 1,125	4	£ 3,092	£ 387			
Deeds of Assignment (a)	9	47,453	39,547	1	1,804	1,142			
Deeds of Arrangement	-		-		•	ena .			

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	Sei	PTEMBER	3 Months en	ded September
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£	437,000	399,500	1,224,100	1,160,700
Working Expenses (£	537,896	428,436	1,632,278	1,266,890
Train Miles Run	602,854	615,675	1,789,468	1,861,966
Passenger Journeys	1,218,923	1,296,040	3,220,255	3, 487, 271
Tonnage Carried - Paying Goods Livestock Departmental (Free Freight)	203,207 15,769 50,677	219,334 18,345 50,275	643,886 40,966 150,497	666,713 44,513 156,798
Total	269,653	287,954	835,349	868,024
Net Ton Mileage of - Paying Goods Livestock Departmental (Free Freight)	30,277,767 2,234,522 8,070,519	32,384,557 2,585,388 9,379,581	94,579,788 6,001,613 24,169,983	99,090,992 6,115,850 27,203,467
Total	40,582,808	44,349,526	124,751,384	132,410,309
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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

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Period	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
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(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)*

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Date		ETROPOLITAI	V AREA		ENTIRE STATE				
(As at end of Month)	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	
1947 - December 1948 - January February March	No. 21,425 21,542 21,562 21,620	No. 10,075 10,134 10,159 10,080	No • 271 270 275 280	No. 5,321 6,373 5,437 5,430	No. 34,096 33,728 34,212 34,554	No. 33,210 32,069 33,147	No. 379 399 432	No. 8,213 8,276 8,494	
April May June July August September October	21,679 21,828 21,968 22,432 22,586 22,877 23,031	10,051 10,106 10,132 10,423 10,574 10,765 10,880	279 285 275 290 296 308 325	5,457 5,467 5,445 5,601 5,706 5,851 5,913	34,821 35,263 35,485 35,025 35,907 36,533 36,815	33,589 33,725 34,188 34,362 32,214 34,017 34,834 35,164	445 452 467 457 500 512 531 546	8,587 8,749 8,869 8,874 8,241 8,676 8,979 9,186	

^{*} Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for October, 1948 - 129 Cars; 475 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, October, 1948 and 1947, and 4 months ending October, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency:-

		IMPO		EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)					
	OCTO	BER	4 Months ended OCTORER		OCTO	BER	4 Months ended OCTOBER		-
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	_
Oversea Interstate	£A,000 1,749 2,802	£A,000 1,523 1,896	£A,000 7,337 10,222	£A,000 4,954 7,950	£A,000 3,755 378	£A,000 5,042 253	£A,000 14,410 1,572	£A,000 10,844 2,423	-
TOTAL	4,551	3,419	17,559	12,904	4,133	5,295	15,982	13,267	

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BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Donto	Dwellings										
Period	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)		Fac torie s			ther	Total		
a the second	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
Year 1946 Year 1947 1948 - March Qro June Qro Sept. Qro	55 165 66 126 96	£,000 32 109 48 82 62	1,316 2,245 504 627 631	£,000 1,221 2,380 552 731 765	52 37 4 11 22	£,000 82 64 4 33 80	145 164 88 56 53	£,000 192 327 76 67 134	1,568 2,611 662 820 802	£,000 1,527 2,880 680 913 1,041	

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor eperations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Including Owner-Built Homes)

Control of the Contro	J	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls											
Period	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement			ther	Total				
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No•	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value			
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000			
Year 1946 Year 1947	578 1,114	640 1,365	186 257	140 196	373 966	296 862	227 62	172 47	1,364 2,399	1,248 2,470			
1948 - March Qr. June Qr. Sept. Qr.	247 295 310	320 386 433	72 93 81	48 70 6 5	245 353 323	225 325 315	3 5 10	1 4 8	567 746 724	594 785 821			

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,368,798 lbs. were produced during October, 1948, and 7,865,343 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1948, as against 2,447,041 lbs. and 7,780,929 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		NOV	EMBER	11 Months ended NOVEMBER			
	Miles This color than the light of the digital translation of the state of the stat	1948	1947	1948	1947		
Quantity	Fine Ozs.	57,740	58,510	607,373	645,782		
Value (Aust.	Currency) £	621,428	629,710	6,537,967	6,950,232		

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 11 months ended NOVEMBER; 1948 amounted to £582,767. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £578,085.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

		Food	and Groces	ries	All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)				
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ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)
Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
1947 -			4
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
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Janua ry	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
Ma rch	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684
September	109,416	37,224	146,640
October	110,240	37,592	147,832

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

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⁽a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

⁽b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

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August September	NOVE	EMBE R	5 Month NOVEM	
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Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,671	17,624	98,555	94,409
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	15,926	15,732	83,566	81,359

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
November, 1948 November, 1947	5,918 5,754	556 413	187,379	13,018
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